

**VILLAGE OF AVISTON  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON:  
MONDAY APRIL 4, 2016**

The regular meeting of the President and Board of Trustee was held on Monday April 4, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. In attendance were Village President Dale Haukap, Village Clerk Jennifer Jansen, Trustees Larry Harper, Mike Kampwerth, Randy Peek, Chuck Schrage, Gary Litteken and Kurt Schmitz. Employees present included Gary Rakers, Mark Taylor, Village Attorney Henry Bergmann and Village Engineer Pat Netemeyer. Guests included Mike Dall, Dale Buscher, Chris Dall, Ruth Bruns, Ranee Wessling, Shirley Frey, high school kids, John Kues, Sam Schmitz, and Jeff Woltering.

**1. GUESTS:**

Chris Dall was present to give an update on the Vintage Hall work. Things are progressing and clean out is in progress. Chris stated he is working with all those utilizing the garage area to set up a date to set up shelves and get things out of the way or move out completely. Chris also said the park clean up was successful. The ACIC executive meeting will be held next Thursday and a date will be planning event dates for the year. Chris will need a special liquor license for that date.

Mike Dall, Ruth Bruns and Shirley Frey were present to discuss the Gentz properties. Mike stated that other neighbors would be present but had other commitments and couldn't be present tonight. Mike mentioned that these homes are harming neighboring property values; they are health hazards and really are safety issues. The neighbors would like the Village to take pursue the process of getting these houses cleaned up. Henry will look further into the legal side of this.

Shirley Frey was also present to discuss a "free library" and the possibility of having one of these somewhere in the Village. Larry stated he would look into this further and will contact Shirley if he has any questions.

**2. MINUTES:**

The minutes of the previous meetings were available for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Schrage, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0. Jenny informed the Board that there is currently nothing in the ordinance book to address the sewer tap or the sewer rates. It was stated that this needs to be addressed and corrected.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The financial report was available for review along with notes for the report from Steve Goestenkers. A list of bills was also available for review. A motion to table the financial report until a special meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup> and to pay all bills and the turbidity meter bill was made by Larry Harper, second by Gary Litteken. Motion carried 6-0.

**4. PARK DISTRICT:**

Randy stated the new lease has been signed.

## **5. POLICE REPORT:**

Mark Taylor reviewed the monthly police report. Mark said the new hire is done with all training and started patrolling on her own on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Mark said the FaceBook page is up and Kyle will be in charge of this with Mary assisting. Mark checked on the Rt. 50 speed limit being moved. A study will need to be done regarding speed, accidents and traffic to see what can be done. Mark is waiting to hear back regarding this.

General Orders Manual – A motion to add this Pedestrian Check Statute to the General Orders Manual was made by Kurt Schmitz, second by Larry Harper. Motion carried 6-0.

Mark asked if we could again participate in the Clinton County Emergency Relief Fund. The cost is \$10/officer and the Village has participated for several years. The Board stated to participate and pay the fee.

Mark said we are now members of the Major Case Squad of greater St. Louis. Mike Dall reviewed the details of this and what the advantages are for the Village.

## **6. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

-Rt. 50 Coalition – A golf tourney will be coming up in August.

-Electric Aggregation – Mike Buscher said that the final decision was agreed upon and that letters were going out to the residents. Mike has a copy of the final ordinances if anyone would like to see it.

-Banners – Mike said that there were a total of 65 banners orders and 25 sets of brackets ordered.

-Grants – Mike said he has been working on some grants this month and these are the Economic Development for the Page Street Extension and Safety Grant. Other items being worked on include MFT and easements.

-Industrial Park Sewers – Pat Netemeyer reviewed the bid packets with the Board. The bid sheets include sewer to Faust Automotive which is approximately \$13K. This also gets the sewer to Kues' property. The initial project was supposed to stop at the T. Jeff Woltering and John Kues worked out a way to split the cost of the sewer (\$13K each). A copy of what they agreed to will be kept on file at the Village in the project file.

A motion to award the sewer bid, only to the T, to Korte Luitjohan was made by Randy Peek, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0.

## **7. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Gary Rakers said there were 5 miscellaneous permits and 3 new home permits issued for the month.

-LED Ordinance – Kurt would like to draft an ordinance for review next month.

-Final Plat for Woltering Property – The Zoning Board is requesting a final plat for the subdivision from Jeff. The Plat has been recorded and a copy will be provided as soon as possible.

## **8. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Gary reviewed the MFT plan and that it should be under \$20K for the total project.

-Sidewalks – The Board reviewed the sidewalk along Logan Street from Page to Clement. They decided that the whole sidewalk needs to come out and the Village will remove.

-Muntan /Albers ditch – Gary reported that the health department is looking into this. Gary reviewed the prices for replacing the pipe from Kenny Haselhorst pond and the pipe down Russland Road. The Village will clean out the ditch, once the aeration is corrected.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

Dale stated there will be a ground breaking ceremony on April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am near Faust Automotive. Dale has contacted the newspaper already.

The Village Board approved a 1.5% increase for all employees. The motion to approve was made by Randy Peek, second by Mike Kampwerth. Motion carried 6-0.

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy Peek, second by Kurt Schmitz. Motion carried 6-0. Time was 9:09pm.

Jennifer Jansen, Village Clerk